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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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MASSES: SAT: 5:00 PM; SUN: 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00, 4:00 PM; DAILY: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Mon. - Sat. 8:30AM; Sat. 4:00-4:45 PM

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FOLLOW

Sooner or later everyone gets a reputation. Someone will comment: Joe is a clever craftsman. Another will say Joan knows how to cook almost anything. Given a chance, I will mention that anytime you get together with my nephew, you are going to have an interesting conversation. But, if you are having trouble with your computer, Mary is the one you ought to call. We all have a reputation of one sort or another.

So I was thinking about Jesus' reputation. He was known, of course, as a healer and itinerant preacher who attracted a large following, but he was also known for hanging around with the wrong kind of people, those having *not* very good reputations: tax collectors, sinners, the sick, outsiders, all considered "non-observers of the law." Particularly surprising was his long conversation with a Samaritan woman; so much so that even the woman herself was amazed: "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman," she said. "How can you ask me for a drink?" To which the evangelist added, "For Jews do not associate with Samaritans." When the disciples return from shopping for lunch, they wonder what reason Jesus had for talking with her. It was something respectable people didn't do.

Pope Francis has said, "remember, Jesus never said, 'Worship me,' and he did say, 'Follow me.' ...I think it is always easier to worship Jesus than to follow him." Not that it is bad to sing and pray to Jesus, to praise his mercy. A genuflection before the Blessed Sacrament is completely appropriate. Jesus calls us friends for he wants us to get to know him well; and he also wants to be an intimate part of our lives. But Jesus' purpose was not just to be known *by* us but to have a relationship *with* us. In the end, he gave up his

human life to save us.

If we follow Jesus, we too may find ourselves in the company of those with lousy reputations: ex-cons, homeless people, tough guys, strippers, robbers, petty criminals, those with mental problems or strange diseases or who are deformed in one way or another. Just ask Fr. Greg Boyle SJ, a man who got a reputation of hanging with homies, guys few others had thought of as model citizens. If we follow Jesus, we may need to feed the hungry, or give medical assistance to the sick, or bury the dead who have no one else to bury them. Think of Mother Teresa who made a habit of embracing the destitute and the dying.



In the act of healing, Jesus touched lepers, an act strictly prohibited for health reasons. I am not sure I am ready to follow Jesus that far. And yet there are in this world missionaries, doctors, nurses, aid workers and volunteers who risk their lives and their health nearly every day to bring mercy and healing to others. Some do so as their way of following Jesus; others do so simply because it is needed, and they are willing to help.

Someday I will be standing at the judgement seat of God. Jesus will ask me how I followed him as a disciple. I will hem and haw but then I will remember that we fed the poor who came to our door here at Saint Anne. The archangel will hit the button on the remote and the pearly gates will swing open to let me in. And the first people I will meet as I enter will be Larry and the other hungry whom we have been feeding. When I look at Larry I almost don't recognize him, he is so clean.

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING / MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. We typically meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3rd. For more information, contact Paul at 657-245-3722.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

CAREER RENEWAL

The Career Renewal meeting schedule has been altered for the holidays. The remaining meetings for November will be held on 11/29, and for December will be on 12/6 and 12/13. We will begin our regular weekly schedule again in January on 1/10. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Those who desire help with a job search, want to volunteer for this ministry, or just curious about the meetings are invited to attend. For more information, call Kathy at 714-206-0885.

ST. ANNE SCHOOL, SANTA ANA



Third and fourth grade students from St. Anne School in Santa Ana will be our lectors this Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. mass. Sr. Teresa will be present requesting STEM toys for the school which promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. If you are interested in purchasing one of the toys suggested by Sr. Teresa, please contact JoAnn at 562-598-5967.

ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, November 19th at 1:00 p.m. for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary. Individuals may receive personal blessings after the Healing Mass. All are welcome! For more information, please call Janice Herlihy at 562-537-4526.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



The Parish Office will be closed for Thanksgiving and also Friday, November 23rd. Have a blessed and bountiful holiday!

TURKEY DINNER DELIVERIES

Those who volunteered to deliver thanksgiving meals to less fortunate families will be contacted Monday!



OUR MISSION:

Saint Anne Church exists to help us become disciples of Jesus Christ who connect with God, grow in faith, and serve in love.

ALL SAINTS CHILDREN'S MASS

Thank you to our students who researched and spoke during mass about their favorite saints: Joli, Nathan, Muriel, Josie, Ella, Elliott, Dominic, Edson, Kelsey, Lily, Riley, and Gabe.

WOMEN'S GUILD

DE-STRESS THIS CHRISTMAS

All women of the parish are invited to attend our Advent meeting on Monday, November 26th. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. We will celebrate the birth of Jesus with a baby shower, hand out little Advent books, and talk about fun things to do to de-stress during the holidays.

INSTALLATION MASS

All members of the Women's Guild and their families are invited to attend the Noon mass on Sunday, December 2nd when the new board members for 2019 will be installed. There will be a reception in the hall following mass.

MONTHLY MEETING / MEMBERSHIP

General meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month in the Parish Hall. To support our events and speakers as a member, please contact Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers.



Around the Diocese

PRECIOUS LIFE/NAPLES RIB CO.

Precious Life has been chosen as a beneficiary of "35 Years of BBQ, 20 Days of Charity." They will receive 20% of your guest check for dine in or take out orders now through November 20th.

OC BRUNCH FOR 30'S & 40'S

All Catholics in their 30's and 40's are invited to come together for fellowship at a potluck party held at Christ Cathedral in the Pastoral Center on Saturday, December 1st. Newcomers are especially welcome! Please wear dressy attire and bring a potluck item to share. To RSVP or for information about future events, find us on Facebook, Meetup or contact occath3040@gmail.com.

JOANIE'S PURSE PROJECT

Joanie's Purse Project is an outreach program of Catholic Charities that provides purses filled with personal care items and small gifts to women in Orange County Shelters and other support programs before Christmas. You may bring your donations to the Women's Guild meeting on November 26th, drop them off in the designated bin by room 1 anytime, or in the parish office between 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday. We need medium to large, new or gently used, empty purses. Items wanted for inside the purse include: travel size personal care items like deodorant, Kleenex, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, lip balm, emery boards, etc. Small gifts ideas include: sun glasses, jewelry, note pads, socks, scarves, pens, hair brushes, hair clips, wallets, etc. For more information or for questions, please call Virginia at 714-898-7571

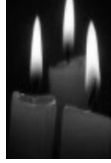


MORNING RETREAT

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. Please join us at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center on Tuesday, Nov. 20th for our guest speaker Annette Hills, recording artist and inspirational speaker. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by mass, continental breakfast, our speaker and lunch. For reservations, call Pat at 714-892-5219 or jimandpatmartin@gmail.com.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

11/19 ✠Anthony Anastasi
 11/20 ✠Ken Howe
 11/21 In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
 11/22 For the Parish
 11/23 Lisi and Larry Cave
 11/24 ✠Castellana & Peoples Families
 (✠Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Brenda Malloy, Kathleen Kastner, Kathy Purcell, Aurora Lavadia, Mike Pendleton, Jerome Gendron, Julia Poirier, Don Miller, Jim & Julie Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Merrill Butler, Steven Lang, Linda Bolt, Bob Wagner, Gary Rousselo, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Jean Barbazette, Pat Giacomi, Janet Tedesco, Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey, William Spillane, Bill Matheus, John Barnes, Carol Forbes

*If you would like to have your name added or removed from this list, please call the parish office.

"Guard against anger. But if it cannot be averted, let it be kept within bounds. For indignation is a terrible incentive to sin. It disorders the mind to such an extent as to leave no room for reason." -St. Ambrose

SACRAMENTS

In order to celebrate the following Sacraments at St. Anne, it is vital to be an active member of our Faith Community.

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office to arrange for baptism.

Baptisms are usually celebrated the first Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Baptism preparation classes for parents and Godparents are held once a month on a Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

PreK-8 Faith Formation: For information and/or enrollment in faith formation programs, please contact faithformation@stannesealbeach.org.

Confirmation: Students typically begin the Confirmation process as a freshman in high school and complete the process at the end of their sophomore year.

Marriage: An appointment with one of our priests to begin marriage preparation must be made at least 6 months before the wedding celebration.

Funeral: Contact the parish office to arrange funerals.

Pastoral Care: If you, or someone you know, wishes to have their name placed on our prayer net, or a visit and/or Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

If you want information about any of our many active ministries, please pick up a brochure from the vestibule.